

**Accessibility Advisory Board
Minutes
March 16, 2006**

Members Present: Phyllis Anderson Natasha Behner Doug Rudick
 Teresa Rundell Dennis Boepple

Staff Present: Deborah Demel, Assistant City Manager/Staff Liaison

Deb Demel called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

OLD BUSINESS

A. **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Introduction of Members:** Welcome new members Doug Rudick and Natasha Behner
- B. **Chairperson and Secretary Appointments:** Teresa Rundell – Chairperson, Natasha Behner – Secretary by unanimous vote of Board Members present.
- C. **Restaurant Take Out Parking:** Staff reported that discussion with the Building Official indicated that parking lot stripping plans are reviewed and approved by the City, part of which includes review for ADA compliance. Restaurants that were specifically discussed were Applebee's, Chili's, and Pizza Hut on Ohio. In all three cases the original handicapped designated spaces were maintained in the original layout when takeout parking was added. Board had no further questions.
- D. **Review of Advocacy Letters Sent on Behalf of the Board:** Staff mailed letters to several local merchants/business owners. Discussion of the letters sent and responses were discusses.
 - Sears, Dillards, and Warmack and Company (property management for Central Mall), advocating placement of toilet paper dispensers in alternate location above the assistance bar.
 - Salina Country Club advocating power assisted opening for interior doors of club entrance.
 - Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts advocating for brochure language changes.
 - Dickinson Theatres informing management of the requirements for assisted listening devices in movie theatres. Information was included from ADAAG in hopes that theatre management would appropriately address this issue. Response from the theater was received about a new system for assisted listening, however the Board discussed that, although this is an improvement, we believe that the Dickinson Theatres is still not in compliance as to the number of units required.
- E. **Distribution of Budget in Brief to Board Members Present:** No discussion or questions.
- F. **Postpone Agenda Items:** Unanimously approved to postpone agenda items E – Complete Access Systems Report on Smoky Hill Museum Facility & F – AAB Annual Report until May 18, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS

- Staff to research ADA guideline websites and propose adding to City website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

*Minutes by Deborah Demel, Assistant City Manager